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SUBJECT:INTERDICTION OPERATION

1. PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN
MINISTER ADDERLEY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN A MATTER OF
IMMEDIATE CONCERN AND POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO BOTH
OUR GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT
INDICATES A GROUP OF CUBAN EXILES BASED IN FLORIDA
INTENDS TO LAUNCH A SEA ATTACK WITHIN THE WEEK AGAINST
CUBAN FACILITIES IN THE CABO ROMANO AREA. THESE
TERRORISTS PLAN TO USE AS A STAGING AREA ANGUILA CAY IN
THE BAHAMAS.

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IN KEEPING WITH OUR DETERMINATION TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM,
WE HAVE INFORMED YOUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FULLY
AND SOLICITED YOUR GOVERNMENT'S COOPERATION. IN THE
SAME SPIRIT WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT OF
THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH AN ATTACK.

U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE KEPT THE EXILE GROUP UNDER TWENTY-FOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE BUT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PREVENT ITS DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF A LACK OF EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY IMMEDIATE LEGAL ACTION. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS TO WORK IN COOPERATION WITH AGENTS OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE AND U.S. COAST GUARD IN A COORDINATED OPERATION TO HALT THE PLANNED ATTACK, ACTING JOINTLY IF NECESSARY WITHIN BAHAMIAN TERRITORY. I BELIEVE THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ACTION AND TRUST THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT A JOINT EFFORT IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR LONG HISTORY OF COOPERATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS.

CHARGE TAYLOR IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THIS OPERATION WITH WHOMEVER YOU DESIGNATE.

SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END TEXT. VANCE

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